

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to 10/12/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33, 36 and 39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 04/27/2006.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/13/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/22/2006 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jonas Navickas on 12/13/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Withdrawn claims 34, 35 and 37-38 are cancelled, in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 was amended as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A storage system, comprising: two or more pouches including an ultimate pouch and a penultimate pouch; each one of the pouches adapted for holding a content and/or insert; each pouch having a front pouch lip and a rear pouch lip forming a pouch mouth; a flexible coupling portion joining the pouches

sequentially pouch lip to pouch lip; the flexible coupling portion including a span of flexible material extending from the rear pouch lip of a first pouch to the front pouch lip of the next pouch, in a series of pouches; said flexible coupling material portion including hinges along connections at each of the pouch lips, as well as a hinging portion in the span of the flexible coupling material portion between the pouch lips; wherein each coupling portion flexes to permit manipulation of the joined set of pouches, said manipulation being selected from the group consisting of closing, paging, tipping, fan accordion, parallel, push down, pull up and reversible.

Claim 4 was amended as follows:

4. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein seams formed by heat welding connect side and bottom margins of each pouch.

Claim 8 was amended as follows:

8. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein a means for hanging the storage system is affixed to the ultimate pouch.

In claim 11, line 3, the phrase - - such that - - was added at the end of line 3, after the word "elongated".

In claim 14, line 1, the phrase "in a pouch" was changed to - - one of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

Claim 15 was amended as follows:

15. (amended once) The storage system of claim 4, wherein additional seams are formed in each pouch to join the side and/or bottom seams to form internal compartment in each pouch.

Claim 17 was amended as follows:

17. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the pouch mouths which are formed by the pouch lips are sealed and a content which is selected from the group consisting of liquid gel, powder, and a substance that degrades when exposed to atmosphere in inserted in one or more of the pouches.

Claim 22 was amended as follows:

22. (amended once) The storage system of claim 1, wherein one or more of the pouch mouths which are formed by the pouch lips are sealed by resealable seals and a content which is selected from the group consisting of liquid gel, powder, and a substance that degrades when exposed to atmosphere in inserted in one or more of the pouches.

In claim 23, line 2, the phrase "pouches" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 24, line 2, the phrase "a pouch" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

In claim 25, line 2, the phrase "a pouch" was changed to - - one or more of the pouches - - to provide proper antecedent basis in the claim.

Also in claim 5 at the end of line 3, the phrase - - , for holding a content. - - was added to better describe the invention.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jila M. Mohandesi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4558. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00 (EST).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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